

Washington July 28th 1886

My dear Sir

I have been informed that Timothy Dumm and Christopher Watson worthy men, and contributors of mine in whose welfare I feel a deep interest have been informed their services will not be needed in the hunt after a period of absence. As they are I believe both in the Department under your supervision may I enquire if there is not a hope even that the act of

dismissal may be
abrogated, and if
not, how it can be
averted: I have been
appealed to in be-
half of Dunn espe-
cially and I am
sure you it will be
especially gratify-
ing to know he
and Watson may
yet be retained.
An early reply
will oblige

Very truly
Yours
Thomas B. Florence

28. July. 1860

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asks why Dunn & Malson
were removed
